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Holiday Edition

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WSSM at the South Portland Fire Department Open House

South Portland, ME

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ



SOUTH PORTLAND, ME - On Saturday, October 14th, WSSM members, including Rory McEwen KB1PLY, Charlie Shepard W1CPS, and Tim Watson KB1HNZ, set up a display table and a portable HF station during the annual South Portland Fire Department Open House.

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Multiband Antenna Traps

Ham Radio Projects

by Frank Kamp, K5DKZ

These devices are called Traps, but they are actually more like frequency sensitive switches. They are parallel resonant, high Q, tuned circuits which provide a very high impedance at their frequency of resonance.

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WS1SM First Place in Maine for 2017 Field Day!

Scarborough, ME

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

#	Call	Score	Category	QSOs	Power Mult	GOT Call
1	WS1SM	7,950	3A	1,942	2	AA1I
2	N1QX	5,010	1AB	400	5	
3	K1DFT	4,775	1AB	483	5	
4	N1ME	4,578	2A	1,154	2	
5	W1TU	3,842	2A	783	2	KB1I
6	W1KX	3,156	1A	690	2	
7	AA4AK	2,788	1E	535	2	
8	N1A	2,610	3A	422	2	
9	W1AO	2,094	1D	519	2	

SCARBOROUGH, ME - The 2017 Field Day results are in, and WS1SM took first in Maine for the fourth consecutive year! Congratulations to everyone on our team for a job well done!

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WS1EC Participates in Maine and New Hampshire Simulated Emergency Tests

CCEMA Bunker, Windham, ME

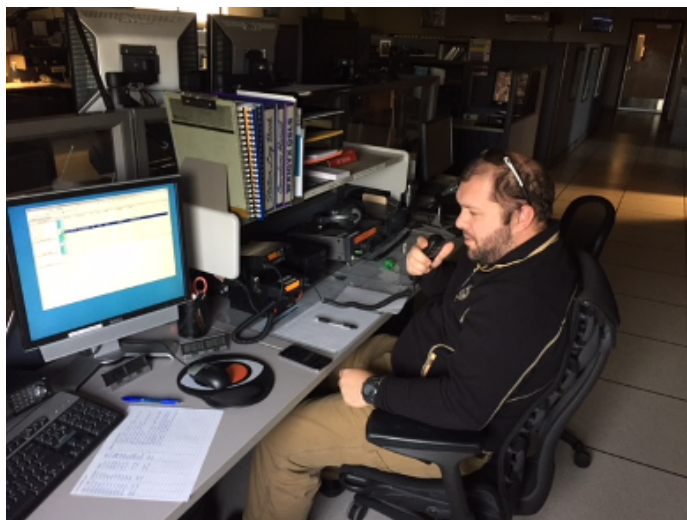
by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

QSL Corner



In this issue, we'll take a look at QSL's from the 2016 H44GC DXpedition to the Solomon Islands, ET3AA from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and the 2015 C37N DXpedition to the Principality of Andorra.

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WINDHAM, ME - On Saturday, October 28th, the WS1EC and WX1GYX teams took part in the Maine Simulated Emergency Test (SET), and on the following Saturday, they were at it again, for the New Hampshire SET.

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Introduction to D-STAR

Digital Voice and Data

by Tim Watson, KB1HNZ

For December's meeting topic, Eric Emery KC1HJK, will make an Introduction to D-STAR presentation. As a preview, we'll take a closer look at what D-STAR is all about.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 14th - from 7PM-9PM at the CCEMA Bunker, 22 High Street, Windham, ME.

January 11th - from 7PM-9PM at the CCEMA Bunker, 22 High Street, Windham, ME.

February 8th - from 7PM-9PM at the CCEMA Bunker, 22 High Street, Windham, ME

Classified Ads

Check out the ads on page 2 to view items for sale, upcoming hamfests, announcements, and wanted items.

The Busy Season

A lot has happened since our last issue, which came out just before Field Day, in June. The first, of course, was Field Day, which was a huge success. The



From the Editor's Desk

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news just came out that our team placed first in Maine (all categories), and 21st worldwide in the 3A category. Great job, everyone!

Since June, our club participated in the statewide Fire & Ice exercises, which involved Cumberland County EMA, the National Weather Service, and several other county EOCs and agencies across the state. The most recent took place in late September, and involved an electromagnetic storm scenario, that caused a disruption of communications, among other concerns. Working within the confines of the scenario, our radio operators exchanged traffic via Winlink, HF SSB, and direct via 2m simplex. For both exercises, we had operators at both the CCEMA Bunker, in Windham, and the ham station at the National Weather Service, in Gray.

Only a few weeks later, many of these same hams also participated in the Maine Simulated Emergency Test, and followed that up a week later with the New Hampshire Simulated Emergency Test. I am very proud of the time and effort that everyone put in during these exercises, especially considering the short turnaround.

And while all these things were going on, the usual business of club operations also continued, as we had officer elections in September. We welcome a completely new slate of officers, including Rory McEwen KB1PLY, as President, David Joseph W1AMX, as Vice President, Peter Hatem KC1HBM, as Treasurer, and Peter Warren KC1DFO, as Secretary. A huge thank you to our outgoing officers, especially Frank Allen W1FRA, who led our club through the massive new challenge of partnering with Cumberland County EMA.

On October 14th, club members, including Rory McEwen KB1PLY, Charlie Shepard W1CPS, and myself, setup a table display at the South Portland Fire Department Open House. Not only did we have the information display, but got on the air as well, setting up an HF radio and the BuddiPole, for a proper demonstration.

As we approach the end of the year, I'd like to wish everyone a pleasant holiday season, and happy New Year. Here's hoping that 2018 will bring success and lots of ham radio fun!

Best wishes,

73'

Tim Watson
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